

EC-4303. A communication from the Director of Regulation Policy and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program—Self-Employment" (RIN2900-AN31) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2010; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4304. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4305. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the accuracy and impact of the Do-Not-Call Registry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4306. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting proposed legislation relative to rail transit safety; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4307. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government Accountability Office report entitled "Information Security: NASA Needs to Remedy Vulnerabilities in Key Networks"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4308. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report on Transportation Security"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4309. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Other Transaction Authority Fiscal Year 2009 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4310. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2008 Status of the Nation's Highways, Bridges and Transit: Conditions and Performance"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4311. A communication from the Senior Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passenger Equipment Safety Standards; Front End Strength of Cab Cars and Multiple-Unit Locomotives" (RIN2130-AB80) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

[Treaty Doc. 110-2 Hague Convention on International Recovery of Child Support and Family Maintenance with two reservations and three declarations (Ex. Rept. 111-2)]

TEXT OF THE COMMITTEE-RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to two reservations and three declarations.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance (the "Convention"), adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-21), subject to the reservations of section 2, the declaration of section 3, and the declarations of section 4.

Section 2. Reservations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following reservations, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

(1) In accordance with Articles 20 and 62 of the Convention, the United States of America makes a reservation that it will not recognize or enforce maintenance obligation decisions rendered on the jurisdictional bases set forth in subparagraphs 1(c), 1(e), and 1(f) of Article 20 of the Convention.

(2) In accordance with Articles 44 and 62 of the Convention, the United States of America makes a reservation that it objects to the use of the French language in communications between the Central Authority of any other Contracting State and the Central Authority of the United States of America.

Section 3. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

The United States of America declares, in accordance with Articles 61 and 63 of the Convention, that for the United States of America the Convention shall extend only to the following: all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Section 4. Declarations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declarations:

(1) Article 55 of the Convention sets forth a special procedure for the amendment of the forms annexed to the Convention. In the event that the United States of America does not want a particular amendment to the forms adopted in accordance with Article 55 to enter into force for the United States of America on the first day of the seventh calendar month after the date of its communication by the depositary to all parties, the Executive Branch may by notification in writing to the depositary make a reservation, in accordance with Article 62 of the Convention, with respect to that amendment and without the approval of the Senate.

(2) This Convention is not self-executing.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2947. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

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#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 395. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Colorado National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes.

S. 1282

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1282, a bill to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies.

S. 1343

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1343, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve and expand direct certification procedures for the national school lunch and school breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1400

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent